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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A pest controller comprising:

a portable container holding a chemical substance therewithin,

[the container attachable to a user so as to follow movement of a user without the portable container having to be held by a user.]

that is repositionable
to selectively seal
and make

wherein the container comprises a substance exposing portion for exposing the chemical substance held therein to outside atmospheric air, and a cover [for sealing] the substance exposing portion; ^{open}

the chemical substance containing an active ingredient with a pest-controlling effect,

and

the active ingredient being volatilizable at a normal atmospheric temperature and as an incident of being exposed to atmospheric air,

^{the pest controller further comprising attachment structure to attach the portable container to a user in a manner whereby:}
a) the portable container follows movement of a user without the

2. (currently amended) The pest controller as defined in claim 1, wherein

the chemical substance is contactable with an open atmospheric air at the substance exposing portion so as to be released into the air therefrom when the cover is open.

3. (previously presented) The pest controller as defined in claim 1, wherein

the substance exposing portion is provided with an applicator for applying the chemical substance onto a body.

4. (previously presented) The pest controller as defined in claim 1, wherein

the substance exposing portion is constituted by a member selected from a group ^{portable container having to be held by a user; and b)}
the substance exposing structure is directly exposed to atmospheric air so that with the cover positioned to expose the substance exposing portion, the chemical substance acts to control pests around a user to which the portable container is attached.